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For: METHOD FOR CHARACT-)	
ERIZING NUCLEIC ACID)	
FRAGMENTS)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the amendment indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 6-8, 11, 14-18 as follows:

4. (Amended) The method according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, further characterized in that the nucleic acid fragment to be characterized is bound covalently to the surface.

6. (Amended) The method according to [one of the preceding claims] claim 1, further characterized in that the oligomers of the array bind covalently to the second surface.